

center have successfully negotiated 850 administrative discharges.

Elizabeth's work continues to have national effect as she provides counseling support to troops testifying at the Winter Soldier hearings in D.C. At an upcoming GI national retreat, she will conduct training on post-traumatic stress for hotline counselors.

Aside from her lifelong international work for human rights, Elizabeth is mother to three adult children and Sanctuary Mom to five, whose father was executed by death squads after helping to found El Salvador's Human Rights Commission.

Madam Speaker, Elizabeth's commitment to the rights of the vulnerable has rightly earned her the 2008 Jack Green Civil Liberties Award. I am honored to have Elizabeth Stinson as my constituent. I commend her for her work and for the well-deserved award being bestowed on her by the ACLU of Sonoma County.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. GORDON
HOWE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a living legend in Detroit ice hockey, Mr. Gordon "Gordie" Howe, as he celebrates his 80th birthday today.

Mr. Hockey, as Howe is universally recognized for his greatness on the ice, sprang from humble beginnings. Born in Floral, Saskatchewan, Canada, in the midst of the Great Depression, Howe, who was the fifth of nine children, grew up in poverty and was often sick due to poor nutrition. A significant milestone in Howe's life came at the tender age of 5, when his mother purchased some used belongings from a neighbor, which included his first pair of skates.

Howe immersed himself in hockey, day in and day out, using anything he could find, be it a puck, a tennis ball, or even clumps of dirt. While he didn't make the local youth hockey team, Howe didn't let this discourage him, and worked hard to develop into an excellent skater. During summers, Howe would work with his father at construction sites where the work helped him develop the exceptional strength that would give him one of the hardest shots in hockey. By the time he was 15, Howe was already an imposing 6 feet tall and 200 pounds.

In 1943, Howe was invited by the New York Rangers for a tryout. Howe failed to make the team, but despite this rejection, he was invited to try out for the Detroit Red Wings, where he impressed the coach and general manager Jack Adams. In 1946, at the age of 18, Howe made his National Hockey League debut playing right wing for the Detroit Red Wings. He quickly established himself as a great goal scorer, a gifted playmaker, and a dominating physical presence on the ice. Using his strength and talent, Howe was able to dominate the opposition throughout a career that spanned 5 decades, a feat unmatched by any athlete in any sport.

By the time Howe retired from the Red Wings in 1971, he had led them to four Stanley Cup championships, seven first place finishes, and established the team as a perennial

powerhouse. In addition, Howe was a six-time NHL Most Valuable Player and winner of the scoring title, and was the career leader in games played, goals, assists, and points. In 1973, when his sons Marty and Mark joined the Houston Aeros of the World Hockey Association, they convinced Gordie to fulfill his dream of playing on the professional level with them. After the WHA folded in 1979, Howe joined the Hartford Whalers of the NHL for one final season, helping the team make the playoffs. In 1997, Howe accomplished the last milestone in his storied career when he played professional hockey in a sixth decade. Playing a shift with the Detroit Vipers of the International Hockey League at nearly 70 years old, Howe was greeted by a thundering ovation.

Along with his many achievements on the ice, Howe and his wife Colleen are dedicated to the children of their community and around the world. The Howe Foundation, which they founded in 1993, is dedicated to enriching the lives of those in need.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fine neighbor, a true Michigan fixture, and the man who made Detroit "Hockeytown," the greatest sports city in the world. I wish him a happy and healthy birthday, and wish him many more to come.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT
OF COMMANDER GEORGE SHERWOOD

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the many unsung heroes of our Nation's history, CDR George Sherwood, who will soon retire from an honorable career with the United States Navy.

Commander Sherwood was designated a Naval Aviator in 1985, following graduation from the University of Kansas and completion of flight training in Pensacola, FL, and Corpus Christi, TX. He served in a number of naval air deployments over the next 12 years in California, Texas, Japan, Puerto Rico, Panama, Iceland, and Sicily. He served in a variety of leadership positions, including Plane Commander, Mission Commander, Instructor Pilot, Tactics Officer, Training Officer, and Maintenance Officer.

In 1998, Commander Sherwood reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Arlington, VA. He continued his personnel role as Officer-in-Charge in Dallas, TX. And, Commander Sherwood has spent the final stage of his career as the Naval Attaché with the U.S. Embassy in Baku, Azerbaijan. He has received two Meritorious Service Medals, an Air Medal, three Navy Commendation Medals, four Navy Achievement Medals, and multiple campaign and unit awards.

Commander Sherwood is one of many men and women who have spent their lives in service to their Nation. They do so for love of country and out of a true sense of commitment to the principles of freedom for which America stands. They do so without fanfare and without expectation of gratitude. But, our limitless gratitude is, indeed, what they deserve.

CDR George Sherwood is not only one of those fine men and women in uniform, but also my brother. My family and I are immensely proud of him. And, we thank him for his tireless dedication to our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JEWISH
FUND

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jewish Fund, a charitable organization in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Sinai Hospital began as a clinic opened by Dr. Harry Saltzstein in 1922. In January, 1953, Sinai Hospital opened their doors to give Jewish health care professionals a place to practice and as a central institution for the Jewish community. It was the realization of a dream for Detroit's Jewish community. From there the hospital grew into one of Detroit's top health care institutions.

In 1997, when the Detroit Medical Center purchased Sinai Hospital, it was not the end of that dream, but rather a transformation into another institution of excellence. Established with the proceeds from the sale, the Jewish Fund is an organization designed to perpetuate the Sinai dream through stewardship and innovation. The Fund continues the tradition of assuring excellent and compassionate care for those in need.

The Fund, recognizing the diverse population in Detroit, serves as a resource for the entire community, whether supporting the public health needs or fostering stronger relations with the city. Their role today is vital to many health care initiatives. They have provided over \$35 million in grants for health care over the last 10 years, including \$600,000 in grants for the Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network this year alone.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the achievements and service of the Jewish Fund. Their contributions to Detroit and the metropolitan area are too great to enumerate, and I wish them many years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF THE NEWLY ELECTED
PRESIDENT OF TAIWAN, DR.
MA YING-JEOU

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I join my congressional colleagues in congratulating Dr. Ma Ying-jeou on his victory in Taiwan's recent Presidential election. The election was conducted with fairness and is free of any controversy.

I wish Dr. Ma every success as he leads Taiwan forward in a period filled with many challenges but also filled with many opportunities for Taiwan to prosper and achieve even greater success. I look forward to continuing to grow our relationship with Taiwan under the leadership of the newly elected President Ma.

The people of Taiwan have every reason to be proud of what they have achieved. In only 12 years Taiwan has made a peaceful and successful transition to democracy and has become one of Asia's most impressive and inspiring new democracies. In those 12 years Taiwan has completed four Presidential elections with close and spirited campaigns.

As an American legislator, I look on the achievements of the people of Taiwan with admiration. The Taiwanese record is a model to the many other countries of the world of what can be accomplished by a transition to a freely elected democratic government. My sincere congratulations to Dr. Ma on his election and to the people of Taiwan for their participation in the election process.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE FRED
ZIEMAN

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend, Chicot County Judge Fred Ziemann of Lake Village, Arkansas, who passed away March 18, 2008, at the age of 69.

I will forever remember Judge Ziemann as a devoted family man and someone who cared deeply about improving the quality of life in southeast Arkansas. This dedication to make his community and Chicot County a better place to live was evident throughout his tenure as Chicot County Judge.

As a native son of Arkansas's Delta region, farming was in Judge Ziemann's blood. He began his career as an agriculture pilot in Lake Village before becoming a commercial airline pilot in Texas. Upon retirement in 1980, he returned home to Lake Village and pursued his true passion in agriculture.

Judge Ziemann was later successfully elected to serve three terms as Chicot County Judge when he decided to try retirement for a second time. However, his devotion to southeast Arkansas quickly led him back to public service, and 4 years later he was again elected to serve as County Judge—a position he honorably held until his passing.

Aside from his stalwart leadership and devotion to Chicot County, Judge Ziemann actively contributed his time and hard work to numerous other endeavors to benefit the Delta region. The Delta was immensely important to Judge Ziemann, and this was apparent in his service as a state vice-president of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association, as a member of the Delta Grassroots Caucus, and in the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District Inc., where he contributed fresh ideas and developed new initiatives to make our beloved State a better place to live.

Judge Fred Ziemann will forever be remembered for his steadfast devotion to the people of southeast Arkansas. Above all, he will sorely be missed as a friend. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Patricia Ziemann; his two sons, Mike Ziemann of Monticello, Arkansas, and Sam Ziemann of Spring, Texas; his daughter, Charlotte Yandell of Spring, Texas; his sister, Jan Hellmers of Lake Village, Arkansas; and to his seven grandchildren and countless friends. Fred Ziemann will be greatly

missed in Lake Village, Chicot County, and throughout southeast Arkansas, and I am truly saddened by this loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. KATHY
JO MCMILLION REINSMITH

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and dedication of the current President of the Department of Pennsylvania's Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mrs. Kathy Jo McMillion Reinsmith. Mrs. Reinsmith will be recognized for her service at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Testimonial Dinner on April 12.

Over the past decade Kathy Reinsmith has worked consistently to increase the value of the community in which she has lived. Not only has Mrs. Reinsmith served four terms as President, four terms as Sr. Vice President, and one term as Jr. Vice President of her Auxiliary, she is now serving her second year as Trustee. As President of the Department of Pennsylvania's Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mrs. Reinsmith has made it her mission to travel throughout the State of Pennsylvania and the United States, inspecting auxiliaries and attending a variety of functions in order to reach out to those around her. She has dedicated her time and energy not only to helping veterans in need, but also to students at Chambersburg High School where she has constantly served as a teacher. Currently, Mrs. Reinsmith serves as a Life Member for both the Durr-Kuhn VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the Scotland School for Veterans Children and the VFW National Home for Children. Her commitment to her community has been exhibited through her involvement with several organizations, many of which she has chaired, including the Voice of Democracy, Buddy Poppy Jr. Girls, and the Patriots Pen Program.

Through these prominent positions Mrs. Reinsmith has volunteered much of her time to fundraising for the local community. One of her most memorable accomplishments is her dedication to the Food Stand at the Shippensburg Community Fair. She spent a multitude of hours working with those in the community to make the Fair a positive experience for all. Mrs. Reinsmith's passion and hard work have not gone unnoticed. During her first term as District 18 President in 1999, she received the Outstanding District President Medallion. While serving her second term as President of District 18, she received the Nation "Remembrance" Plate for the Legislative Program as well as the Outstanding Department Chairman Medallion. Mrs. Reinsmith was also recognized for her service to the community and was given the National "Everyone Achieves Magic" Plate.

As she reflects upon her work as President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Reinsmith can be proud of her life of service with which she has found a great amount of success. I look forward to celebrating the contributions and accomplishments of such a dedicated individual. Her involvement has brought a greater appreciation to our area and has surely been an asset to the community. I would like to wish

Mrs. Kathy Jo Reinsmith all the best in her future endeavors as she continues to serve the Chambersburg County School District as a devoted teacher. I am sure she will continue to do great things for the community and I thank her for her dedication and service.

TAYLORSVILLE VFW AUXILIARY
AND TAYLOR KING SUPPORT DE-
PLOYED TROOPS

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a group of true American patriots. This past Christmas a group of citizens in Alexander County, North Carolina worked hard to communicate to our men and women stationed overseas that they are in our prayers and on our minds.

A civic-minded band of women in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary from the rural community of Hiddenite worked together to rally their community to send care packages to local armed forces members stationed abroad during Christmas. The sacrifice of military service during Christmas is often overlooked during a time when many of our brave military men and women are stationed abroad, making this effort all the more meaningful to the soldiers they aided.

Thanks to the selfless work of Margaret Milsap, Mary Lasky and Jeanette Stevenson, which was spearheaded by Mary Matthews, more than 80 care packages were sent to 30 deployed soldiers during this past Christmas. Taylor King furniture, a Taylorsville business, generously footed the entire bill for the mailing of the 80-plus packages.

Together, the VFW auxiliary and Taylor King provided a slice of home to 30 soldiers serving in foreign countries during Christmas. I hope their example of citizenship and patriotism during uncertain times serves to inspire many more Americans to show their support for our troops who fight for freedom every day.

RECOGNITION OF GLOBAL CHILD
NUTRITION MONTH

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the School Nutrition Association, SNA, and the Global Child Nutrition Foundation, GCNF naming April as Global Child Nutrition Month.

As part of this recognition, school nutrition professionals are encouraged to take 1 day, 1 week, or all month to partner with students and teachers in an effort to raise awareness about the ravages of hunger among children around the globe and here in the United States.

Hunger is a political condition. We have the means to end hunger here in the U.S. and around the world—we just haven't mustered the political will to do so. This observance is an opportunity to raise awareness about the solutions to global hunger and poverty and, ultimately, to help build momentum in the fight to end the scourge of hunger.